Phasing out of Boeing 737

2341. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Boeing 737 will be phased out and with its phasing out any new aircraft will be manufactured; if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether India will be receiving any technical know-how for third world's first 100-seater passenger aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No life is specified for modern transport aircraft which may continue in operation as long as they are maintained in an airworthy condition in accordance with procedures prescribed by manufacturers. However, the Director General of Civil Aviation has fixed the maximum age of aircraft to be imported into the country as follows:

(i) For pressurised aircraft 15 years/ 45,000 cycles or 75% of design economic life.

(ii) For unpressurised aircraft 20 years.

(b) A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in November, 1993 by Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd. (HAL) with M/S Daewoo Heavy Industries Ltd. of South Korea for conducting a feasibility study on manufacture of a medium sized passenger aircraft jointly by Republic of South Korea, People's Republic of China, Singapore and India. Thereafter, the Government of South Korea have replaced M/S. Daewoo with M/S. Samsung Aerospace as lead partner. A decision on HAL's participation would be taken on the basis of evaluation of cost and benefit.

Takeover Norms by SEBI

2342. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether SEBI propose to review take over norms; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBI PROSAD PAL): (a) and (b) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has recently constituted a Committee for reviewing the SEBI (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 1994. The Chairman of the Committee is Justice P. N. Bhagwati, former Chief Justice of India. The terms of reference of the Committee include reviewing the regulations and suggesting amendments to strengthen it so that the regulations are fair, trasparent and protect the interest of investors and also of all parties concerned in the acquisition process, in a more effective manner. It is expected that the Committee would submit its Report to SEBI within the next three months.

Hawala Transactions in Madras

2343. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Enforcement Directorate has arrested persons involved in hawala transactions and seized incriminating documents in Madras as reported in the "Hindu" dated 15th October, 1995;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government are aware of the increase in such activities in Tamil Nadu and if so, the steps taken to find out the root cause for this?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) On 12.10.1995, Assistant

Commissioner of Customs, Cuddalore seized Indian currency of Rs. 28,08,000 alongwith incriminating documents from some persons. As the seized amount and documents appeared to be connected with hawala transactions in violation of the provisions of Foreign Exchange Regulation Act, 1973 (FERA), the same were taken over by the Enforcement Directorate. Seven persons have been arrested in this connection.

(c) The Enforcement Directorate is keeping a strict vigil on such transactions. Action as envisaged under law is taken as and when any such case is detected.

Revision in Pay Scale of Employees of Geological Survey of India

2344. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the orders of his Ministry in respect of revision of pay scales for Draftsman were applied to employees of Geological Survey of India on the orders of Central Administration Tribunal, Calcutta;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to extend revised pay scales of Library staff to those employees who do not satisfy qualifications requirement prescribed in Finance Ministry's orders;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministries/Departments of Government of India enjoy powers to vary the terms of orders issued by Finance Ministry in respect of Draftsman and Library staff?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKAR MURTHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir, as the Fifth Pay Commission is examining such matters.

(d) No, Sir.

Rajiv Gandhi Foundation

2345. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation has not fulfilled the three conditions for any institution to receive recurring grants-in-aid to the tune of Rs. 5 lacs and more prescribed by the Ministry;

(b) if so, the action Government contemplate to enforce these conditions; and

(c) in the alternative, whether Government will advise the donating agencies to discontinue their donations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (c) the information is being collected from the Ministries/Departments and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

विद्युत की मांग और उत्पादन

2346. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) इस समय देश में बिजली की राज्य-वार और संघ राज्य क्षेत्र-वार मांग एवं उत्पादन-क्षमता कितनी-कितनी है;

(ख) क्या सरकार इस बात पर निगरानी रखती है कि प्रत्येक विद्युत इकाई में अपेक्षित क्षमता के अनुरूप बिजली का उत्पादन हो;

(ग) ऐसी कितनी विद्युत परियोजनाएं हैं जिनकी इस वर्ष बिजली की उत्पादन-क्षमता शत-प्रतिशत से काफी कम है; और

(घ) इसके क्या कारण हैं तथा इस संबंध में सरकार क्या कार्रवाई कर रही है?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) नवम्बर, 1995 तक की राज्य-वार/प्रणालीवार/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रवार विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता तथा व्यस्ततमकालीन मांग संलग्न विवरण में दी गई है (नीचे देखिए)